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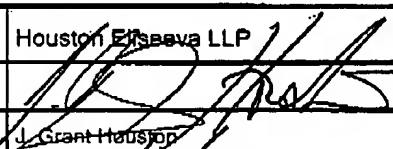
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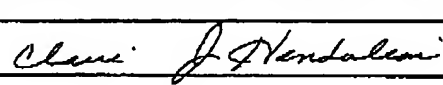
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In response to the pending Restriction Requirement, mailed August 29, 2005 (Paper No. 08232005), Applicants hereby make the following election.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-14 for examination.


Applicants were also required to make a species election. Applicants elect species I, which was characterized as claim 15-24.

There is some confusion concerning the species election requirement, however. Typically, species are defined in the context of embodiments or figures, rather than claims as in the instant situation. Nonetheless, in an effort to be completely responsive, Applicants believe that each of claims 1-14 could be read on embodiment covered by claims 15-24.

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Applicants believe that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.
Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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